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OF BUNCOMBE

The Conservative Ticket for Wake County!

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Business Notice.—As we can no longer use Five Dollar Treasury notes at par, we shall be compelled from and after this date, to take them at the same discount the larger notes of the old issue are subject to. We regret this necessity, but as everybody else is doing the same thing, we have no other alternative.
Mar 9th, 1864.

Can He Beat Governor Vance?

The *Standard* and *Progress*, true to their instincts, hope to deceive the people by denunciation, abuse and misrepresentation, on the one hand, and by brag and bluster, on the other. Mr. Holden denounces Gov. Vance and his supporters, in order to draw down upon himself the abuse of Gov. Vance in retaliation. He does not fear what can be said of him, for he alleges that the people will elect him triumphantly in August next. Therefore, he and his friends intend, if possible, to provoke persecution. Failing to furnish a reason to the people why they should prefer him to Gov. Vance, he would be glad to have the chance to work up their sympathies to his support. But this resort may fail him, and hence by his confident boasting of success, hopes that a portion of the vote which usually seeks the strong side, may be cast for him.

His mainstay in elections will fail him utterly in this contest. The people of North Carolina of all parties, have unshaken confidence in the patriotism and ability of Gov. Vance. They believe him to be the man for the times. This confidence they have not in W. W. Holden. His political course has been so wily, unstable and unreliable, they cannot trust him. The recent developments in regard to his Convention movement, together with other collateral facts, are fast settling down his former friends to believe that he is not a true friend to the interest of North Carolina and of the Confederacy. The admission on the part of some of his few supporters, that, if Grant whips Lee, Holden stock will rise, and the little gratification that our recent successes seems to give that class of his friends, are operating powerfully to convince the true Conservatives of North Carolina that Mr. Holden's election, would be the greatest evil that could just now befall the State. Yet the *Standard* and the *Progress* continue to affirm that Holden will beat Vance both in the army and at home. Let us see. Whatever we may desire it is not to the interest of Gov. Vance or his friends to aim to deceive the people. If Mr. Holden is the deliberate and unbiased choice of the people of North Carolina, we are sure Gov. Vance would not desire to force himself upon them. But the evidence is overwhelming, that Gov. Vance is still the choice of a large majority of the people of the State.

It will be admitted that if Mr. Holden can be elected, it must be by the votes of the Conservatives—those who elected Gov. Vance two years ago, and who were his friends up to the time that Mr. Holden declared himself a candidate. Mr. Holden cannot expect a vote from those who voted for Col. Johnston two years ago. If they vote at all, it is understood they will vote for Gov. Vance, unless they bring out a candidate of their own in the field. They will vote for Gov. Vance under protest, declaring that they do not endorse his political opinions, but that they prefer him to Mr. Holden, because of their greater confidence in his patriotism and fitness for the office.

Mr. Holden must therefore get his vote from the Conservatives—from a party he is laboring to divide and scatter—a party whose elements, he declared constituted the best material out of which to form a great party ever known in North Carolina. A party to which he professedly belonged and a party which but for his towering ambition, his recreancy to its principles, his abandonment of the Confederate cause, and the strong doubts which have been cast upon his loyalty, would have rallied to his support, had he remained true, two years hence almost to a man. Can it be possible that any considerable number of the Conservatives of North Carolina—found, can be so easily won, to commit political suicide along with Mr. Holden, the head and front of the schism in the party for selfish ends, by voting for him? We do not believe it.

What then is the evidence upon which the *Standard* and the *Progress* base their declarations of success for Mr. Holden in August next? A few private letters and the verbal statements of a few devoted friends of Mr. Holden constitute the entire evidence. Was it ever known that a great party like the Conservative ever changed its entire front in a few months under the lead of one man? Never—never. Is there a county in the State in which Mr. Holden can claim a majority? Is there a county which will elect Holdensites, a full ticket to the Legislature? That one which is damned with most confidence is Randolph, and yet even Randolph is uncertain. Davidson, Guilford, Forsythe, Stokes, Wilkes, Surry, Fredell, Burk and Rutherford, which have been claimed for Holden are now understood to be strong for Vance. From every quarter of the State our information is most encouraging for an overwhelming vote for Gov. Vance. The idea at one time relied on, that the Holden men were still, would not talk, has been exploded, since they have become, the few that there are, as blatant and open mouthed as any

other persons. From the army our information is of the same encouraging character. If there be Holden men in the army, or at home, they must be either very few or very still. They are not still, as is evident from their present ranting.

Let not the friends of Gov. Vance regard the loud boasting of the Holdensites. Never was Gov. Vance stronger before the people than now. Never did they see the necessity to be greater for him to be in the Executive chair than at the present. His vote in August will astonish the country, after the gross charges which have been made against the loyalty of our people. They are loyal—they are true to the cause and they will show it by the large vote which they will give Gov. Vance.

Gov. Vance's Prospects.

If there be those who have harbored any doubts or misgivings as to the election of Gov. Vance in August, let them be undeceived. Gov. Vance will not only be elected, but he will be elected by a very large majority. He is gaining ground every day. The few, who, a short time ago, were in doubt as to his true position, owing to the misrepresentations of the *Standard* and *Progress*, are now entirely satisfied with Gov. Vance, and will support him with the same cordiality they did two years ago.

In the western counties, in which he has lately addressed the people, everybody almost, without distinction of party, will yield him a cordial and zealous support. In the town of Asheville, Buncombe county, he addressed a very large assemblage of the people on Friday last, and succeeded in giving entire satisfaction to his hearers, not one of whom, so far as we could learn, will vote against him. There was only one man in the town of Asheville who had declared or intimated an intention to vote against Gov. Vance, and after hearing his speech declared he would vote for him with the utmost cheerfulness.

If Mr. Holden has any self-respect, or if he would reinstate himself in the confidence of the people, let him withdraw from the canvass. If he continues to run he will certainly be beaten, as that night follows day. Let him withdraw, given in his adhesion to Gov. Vance, and do away with the political excitement that has been caused by his factious opposition. This is no time for political warfare. The exigencies of the hour require that all should be united and harmonious. If Mr. Holden has ears, let him hear.

Mr. Holden and Vice President Stephens.

We subjoin a letter addressed by an intelligent, respectable and responsible gentleman in Rockingham county to Gov. Vance, in which it will be seen that Mr. Stephens disagrees altogether with Mr. Holden about the propriety of calling a Convention, as a means of bringing about peace. We do not give the name of the writer, but will do so, if necessary.

Rockingham Co., N. C., May 16, 1864.

Gov. Vance—At a crisis like the present, I conceive it to be not only the right, but the duty of every good citizen, to expose the errors of all such as aspire to positions of honor and responsibility. As Mr. W. W. Holden is now a candidate for the Executive chair of our noble old State; and as he is endeavoring to ride into place and power by proclaiming to the country that he stands upon the same platform which our gifted and popular Vice President occupies, I take the liberty of stating to you, that such assumption is without foundation. I have just heard it from Mr. Stephenson's own lips. Mr. Stephenson was told that Mr. Holden had published his (Stephenson's) speech, and sent it out as an electioneering document, and that Holden asserted in an editorial, that he (Stephenson) and himself were upon the same platform. Mr. Stephenson promptly replied, that he knew but little of Mr. Holden or his politics, but had understood that he was in favor of a Convention of the State as a means of bringing about peace—that if such was his plan, he was radically wrong—that he had read an extract to the speech delivered by Gov. Vance in Fayetteville—that he heartily concurred in the views taken in that speech. This is substantially what Mr. Stephenson said. Now, let Mr. Holden look out for some other plan, for Mr. Stephenson will not have him upon his.

Mr. Boyden Complimented.

The *Confederate* of yesterday, speaking of the very able arguments now progressing before the Supreme Court touching the *habeas corpus*, alludes to Hon. Nat. Boyden in the following complimentary language:

"We were present to hear Mr. Boyden. In the character of a lawyer, Mr. Boyden appears to advantage. No flight of birds exists his fancy. No desire of imitation disturbs his natural pose and attitude, and no passion or prejudice which mars his efforts as a politician, sways his judgment and lessens his influence. As a lawyer engaged before a high Court, he is a calm, agreeable, but forcible and logical reasoner, a student thoroughly versed in his case, who puts his points with courteous but telling effect. It was inspiring to withhold from Mr. Boyden the attributes of a powerful advocate, and the qualities of a strong reasoner before a court in Banc."

In this connection we may state, Mr. Boyden will certainly vote for Gov. Vance. His influence, with that of Gov. Graham, and all the other leaders of the Conservative party, will be used against the self-inaugurated pretensions of Mr. Holden, (the only thing about him that will ever be inaugurated, by the way.) It is impossible for Mr. Boyden to support Mr. Holden, as for water to flow up hill—or whiskey in the hand of an accustomed drinker, to keep from going down his throat."

The *State Journal* is terribly disgruntled, because of an article that appeared in this paper, a few days ago, in which a statement was made, to the effect, that the same influences that surrounded that paper, when published here, seemed to surround the *Confederate* at this time. The *State Journal* appears through a whole column, in the regular fish-market style, and winds up by declaring that the article in question is not worthy of notice. The *State Journal*, the Editor assures us, is surrounded by the same influences it was, when its editor gave his utterances in this city. We are inclined to think this is so. But why did Mr. Spelman get into such a rage at our comparing his paper with the *Confederate*? Does he repudiate the *Confederate* as an organ of the "Confederate party?"

THE FOURTH OF JULY.—About two years ago the Yankees boasted that they would celebrate their 4th of July in Richmond. Their Grand Army, headed by the ablest of their Generals, was then on the same spot it now occupies. They are again full of prophecy and patriotism. Grant, who celebrated his last 4th in Vicksburg, will celebrate the next 4th in Richmond! Perhaps so! But the Scripture saith: "Let not him that putteth on his harness boast himself like him that taketh it off."

WHAT THE ADVOCATES OF A STATE CONVENTION SAID IN JANUARY LAST WAS THE OBJECT OF A STATE CONVENTION.

Mr. Editor:—I have been furnished with the following letter and memorial, which letter and memorial were widely circulated over North Carolina, in January last, by the friends of the State Convention movement; and as Mr. Holden now says that the object of the Convention was not secession, and intended not to embarrass the common government, but that the object was to aid the government in bringing about peace, perhaps it would not be out of place to examine the memorial and letter accompanying it to see what the friends of a Convention then said they wanted with a Convention. The memorial and letter contain not one word about peace, but are composed of charges against our Executive and Congress. 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